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In RE Application of:
Applicant: Doyle et al
Serial No.: 09/364,343
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For: Wound Irrigation and Debriding System



Examiner: Yasko, Jr. J
Group Art Unit: 3762/63

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This response is directed to Office Action Summary dated 12/15/99. A petition for extension of time to respond has been filed.

Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, and has advised that currently claim 1 is generic.

Without agreeing with Examiner's action, Applicants elect the device shown in Figure 1 and described in the specification (pp. 2-3) as their single disclosed species. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 read thereon.

Applicants submit that the other species as defined in claims 3, 4, 5 and 6 are not patentably distinct species and are obvious variants of the invention described and claimed.

Respectfully submitted,

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